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News Media Advisory

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OPERATION JINGLE NETS \$2,715 FOR NAVY MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY

Norfolk, VA (CNRMA) – Out-of-state families more than 100 local Sailors visited the Hampton Roads area during the December holiday season and received a three-day stay at area hotels motels courtesy of thirty-seven area hotels participating in Operation J.I.N.G.L.E.

Tomorrow at 1030, the Norfolk Hotel Motel Association and the Norfolk Convention and Visitor's Bureau will present a check to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society on Naval Station Norfolk. Sailors booked the rooms for their families with a reservation fee of \$10 per night. The check being donated represents those fees.

Participating hotels donated more than 270 room nights.

Began 12 years ago by Norfolk's Hotel/Motel Association, and later joined by Portsmouth and Virginia Beach, Operation J.I.N.G.L.E. provides free lodging for the visiting families of military members who reside aboard ship or in barracks and who can't make it home for the holidays.

The name stands for Join In Giving a Little Extra and is one way the local community expresses appreciation and support for the Sailors stationed in Norfolk and their families who traveled from all parts of the country.

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News media desiring to report on the presentation will have the opportunity to talk with the director of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, the president of the Norfolk Hotel/Motel Association, the CEO of the Norfolk Convention and Visitors Bureau and the commander of the Navy's Mid-Atlantic Region.

To attend, contact Jim Moir 438-4014

Directions Attached

Directions to the
Fleet and Family Support Center
for the
Operation JINGLE
Check Presentation
January 21, 10:30 a.m.
For more info contact
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@
438-4014 or 322-2858

7928 14th Street, Suite 102
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From I-64:

- ?? Take I-564 exit.
- ?? Take the Terminal Blvd. exit.
- ?? Turn right onto Hampton Blvd.
- ?? Turn left onto Baker St. (at Pizza Hut).
- ?? Take the 2nd left into the Personnel Support parking lot.
- ?? FFSC is in building #SDA-344, on the right.

